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We launched the 2013 call for applications under the **Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund** to help communities take action to protect and restore their corner of Ontario's Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin. This is the second call for applications under the fund. Grants are available for projects that take place in Ontario within the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin. The basin includes: Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, Lake Superior, the St. Lawrence River, the Ottawa River, their connecting channels and their watersheds.

How

The Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund provides grants to organizations for projects contributing to at least one of the following goals:

- Protecting water quality for human and ecological health;
- Improving wetlands, beaches and coastal areas; and
- Protecting habitats and species.

Only projects with a direct environmental benefit that result in measurable environmental improvements will be funded.

Why

Protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin helps Ontarians enjoy healthy, vibrant Great Lakes that are drinkable, swimmable and fishable, now and in the future.

In 2012, grants were awarded for projects such as controlling erosion, protecting wetlands, cleaning up beaches and removing invasive species. You can learn about the 2012 projects at www.ontario.ca/greatlakesfund.

Who

Eligible groups include: community-based organizations, agricultural and land-owner focused organizations, environmental and conservation organizations, academic institutions, First Nations and Métis communities and organizations, conservation authorities, municipalities and local services boards.

If you are a municipality, local services board or conservation authority, you are eligible for only those projects where you join with at least one community-based organization.



Quick Facts

- 80 projects received funding in 2012.
- \$1.5M in grants of up to \$25,000 is provided in 2013.
- Project and cost eligibility requirements have been updated this year – check our website for details.

Applications must be submitted
before **April 26, 2013**

by **5:00 pm E.D.T.**

All applications will be evaluated at
the end of the application period.

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